

A' 1. (Amended) A battery pack comprising:

a housing comprising a first pair of opposing walls and a second pair of opposing walls, the second pair being transverse to the first pair;
a plurality of cells disposed within the housing;
at least two terminals electrically connected to the cells;
a latching mechanism disposed on each wall of the first pair of opposing walls for latching the battery pack to a cordless device, each latching mechanism comprising a latch, and a button disposed on each wall of the first pair for moving the latch between unlatching and latching positions, the latching buttons being disposed along a first plane, the first plane being substantially vertical;
wherein number of cells disposed along the first plane is smaller than number of cells disposed along a second plane substantially parallel to the first plane.

B 2 19 35. (Amended) A battery pack comprising:

a housing comprising a floor, a first pair of opposing walls connected to the floor, at least one wall of said first pair having first and second portions, and a second pair of opposing walls connected to the floor, the second pair of opposing walls being transverse to the first pair of opposing walls;
a plurality of cells disposed within the housing;
at least two terminals electrically connected to the cells;

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a latching mechanism disposed on each wall of said first pair for latching the battery pack to a cordless device, each latching mechanism comprising a latch, and a button disposed on each wall of said pair for moving the latch between unlatching and latching positions, the latching buttons being disposed along a first line located at a first distance from the floor;

wherein distance between the latching buttons along periphery of the housing is smaller than distance between two points along periphery of the housing, the two points being contained within a second line parallel to the first line and located at the first distance from the floor and in the first portion.

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